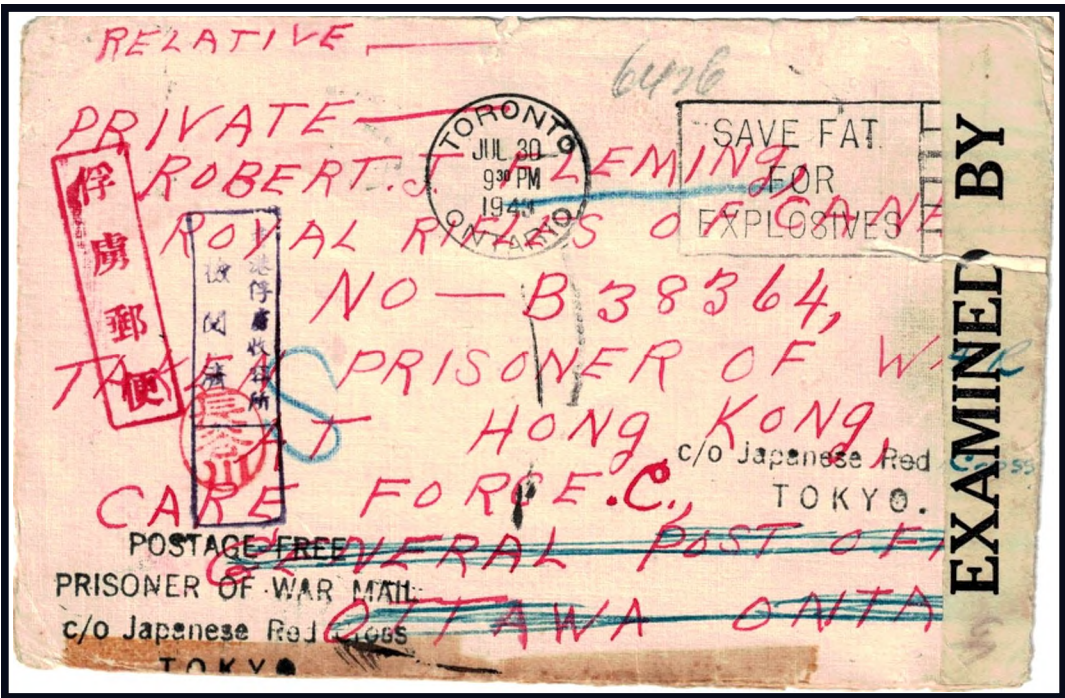


Military Toronto – World War II – Prisoner of War



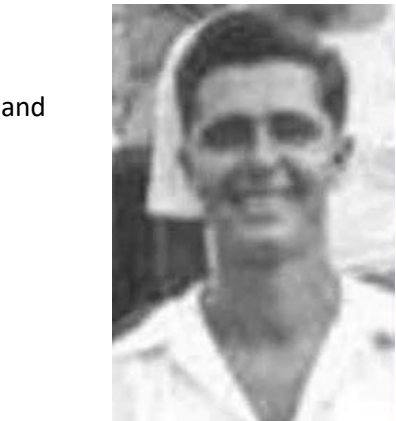
In autumn, 1941, the British government accepted an offer by Canada to send two infantry battalions and a brigade headquarters (1,975 personnel) to reinforce British, Indian and Hong Kong personnel garrisoned at Hong Kong. **This was "C Force"**. It arrived in Hong Kong in mid-November 1941.

On December 8 the Japanese began their attack on Hong Kong. Canadian soldiers were called upon to counterattack the Japanese assault and saw their first combat against them on December 11. Given the overwhelming strength against them they surrendered on December 25, 1941. "C Force" lost 290 personnel during the battle and a further 267 subsequently perished in Japanese prisoner of war camps.

Robert Fleming was one of the Canadians captured and held in the following POW camps.

POW Camps

Camp ID	Camp Name	Location	Company	Type of Work	Reference	Arrive	Depart
HK-SM-01	Stanley	Fort Stanley, Hong Kong Island			20, 31, 33	Capture	41 Dec 30
HK-NP-01	North Point	North Point, Hong Kong Island				41 Dec 30	42 Sep 26
HK-SA-02	Shamshuipo	Kowloon, Hong Kong				42 Sep 26	45 Sep 10



B38364 Rfmn RJ Fleming

Fleming survived the war and died 7, June 2006

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Platoon: